

# SOCIETY

Calendar for to-day is a quiet one. Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Jr., of Franklin Street, will be at her friends to-day from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A ball will be given by the German Club this evening at the Hotel de Ville. The anniversary of the club's founding, Colonel J. Lane Stern, Kill German, dancing with Miss Venable Carrington, debutante of Dr. and Mrs. Charles V. Tom. Many guests from a distance are in Richmond for the ball which will be unusually elaborate.

Afternoon at 4 o'clock of the Club Lincoln. Mr. J. A. D. Litz, D. president of John D. University, Deland, Fla., will be on "Tennyson's Beautiful Life Message." Mrs. J. C. McLean is chairman of the afternoon and Dr. Litz will introduce the lecturer.

**Year Guests.**

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Breuchard, of New York City, are guests over New Year's of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Phillips Haskin, in Westhampton, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Breuchard, who will remain in town over several weeks.

**Of Interest Here.**

The wedding of Miss Mary Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Lee, formerly of Richmond, and Henry Robinson, of the latter city, and Mrs. Fannie Dunkin, widow and grandchild of Henry Sayam, of New York City, took place at Richmond Hill, Long Island, on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth J. Winn, of Richmond, was maid of honor, and little Miss Abigail Stout Lee was flower girl. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were the best men. A reception followed the ceremony.

**Annals of the Younger Set.**

An attractive entertainment of the holiday season was the box party given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. John K. Branch, in honor of their daughter, Miss Louise Branch, who is spending Christmas in town.

The lower boxes were filled with members of the younger set of girls and boys to witness the minstrels, and among those present were Misses Branch, Misses Louise Branch, Nell Branch, Mary Wall, Isabel Carter, Doreen Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Scott, Ann Hawes, Elizabeth Gwathmey, Mrs. Erika Burford, Mrs. Addison Remond, and Marion Keith. Sam Remond, William Jermey, Alexander Donnan, Edward Trigg, Elizabeth Lafferty, Addison Remond, Robert Remond, Thomas Scott, Jr., William Oppenheimer, Jr., Walter W. Adams, Mrs. Branch's guests were later to the Jefferson for a supper party and informal dancing.

Miss Dorothy Lewis Stern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Ellis Stern, of 4700 Grove Avenue, was the guest of honor at a card party Saturday afternoon for Emma Bowe Penn and Miss Pamela Vanece Starrow, of Martinsville, who have been with her for the holidays. The house was decorated with Christmas flowers and greens. The guests included Misses Muriel Wilson, Alma Cannon, Susan Cooke, Virginia Ferrell, Edith Rutherford, of Rock Castle, Bessie Minor, of Louisa, Virginia, Elizabeth Branch, Chesterman, Susan Hurl, Frances and Nanette Ford, Gardard Thiermann, Martha Wade Lamb, Martha Abon, Helen George, Margaret Brown, Cora Reid, Ronald Brady, Katherine Reid, Katherine Reid, Virginia Shepherd, Jane Bowe, Edith White Bowe, Judith Tompkins, and Julia Moncreaf.

**Ten Friday.**

Miss Caroline Byrd Lewis, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Lewis, was hostess at a small tea given at the home of her parents, 206 East Franklin Street, on Friday. The house was decorated in holiday greens and poinsettias. About twenty-five young girls called.

**Smart Functions.**

Among the smart functions given on Friday afternoon was a pretty tea at which Mrs. D. A. Kuyk entertained at her home, near Lakeside, in honor of Mrs. James Scott and her daughter, Miss Mary Scott, of Baltimore, who are the guests of Miss Frances R. Scott, at 712 West Franklin Street. The house was decorated with Christmas flowers and greens, and the receiving hours were from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Another interesting affair was a small dinner party given Friday evening by Mrs. Andrew H. Christian, at her home on West Franklin Street, in honor of Miss Charlotte Haxall Noland, of "Foxcroft," near Middleburg, in Loudoun County.

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**Hagood-Buxford.**

Saturday morning at the home of J. B. Hudson, 1505 Second Avenue, Highland Park, Miss Eleanor Buxford became the bride of Dr. J. D. Hagood, Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, Jr., officiated. Dr. J. D. Hagood was best man. Dr. Hagood is health officer of South Boston. His bride is a popular young woman of South Boston. After a Northern tour Dr. and Mrs. Hagood will reside in South Boston.

**Card Party Last Week.**

Miss Mary Mercella James, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. James, of 1502 Hanover Avenue, entertained several friends at cards at her home last Friday evening.

**To Give Dance.**

The Local Pleasure Club will give its first annual dance at the Conservatory of Music on Wednesday night, January 10, at 8:30 o'clock. This club is composed of thirteen girls, and the following hold office: Miss Jennie Fisher, president; Miss Jennie Barker, vice-president; Miss Bertie Tartasky, secretary; and Miss Lillie Passanack, treasurer. The committee in charge of the dance includes Misses Dora Passanack, Bertie Tartasky and Hannah Harfield.

## IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Mr. George Putnam Watkins, of Lynchburg, and his daughter, Miss Putnam Watkins, who is a student at Dana Hall, Boston, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stacy on West Grace Street.

Mrs. Menelaus Lankford has returned to Norfolk, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Waddell, Jr., of Park Avenue.

Miss Frances Withers has returned to Bon Air, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Montague in this city.

Miss May McGuire, who has been the guest of relatives here, has returned to Orange.

Miss Josephine Richardson, of Norfolk, is visiting Miss Verna Richardson in Richmond.

Miss Edith Crump, of this city, is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. D. Chapell, in Newport News.

Mrs. H. B. Nutting, her children, and F. Nelson, Ward have returned to New York, after spending the holidays with their mother, Mr. A. S. Ward, on Hanover Avenue.

## WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Baptist Home for Aged Women will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the home.

There will be an important meeting of the women of St. Patrick's Benevolent and Social Society this evening at 8:15 o'clock, and all members are requested to be present.

The annual election of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society will occur Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Confederate Museum, when officers, vice-regents, regents and advisory board will be elected for the ensuing year.

The annual meeting will be held the last Wednesday of the month, January 31st, at 11 o'clock, for the reading of reports of officers, chairmen and vice-regents.

## TWO SUNDAY FIRES

Canning Plant of Albemarle Products Corporation and Two Residences Are Destroyed.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 31.—Two fires in fifteen hours kept local firemen on the jump to-day. An early-morning blaze wiped out two residences belonging to James Nimmo, in the southern end of the city, while the second fire consumed the cannery plant and office of the Albemarle Products Corporation, on Rose Hill. The company is capitalized at \$100,000, mostly by local stockholders. Only the vinegar storage warehouse was saved. The loss is \$18,000, practically covered by insurance.

The burned factory, one of the most complete and unique canning outfits in this country, had been in operation for nearly two years. The output the past season was 60,000 cans of apples, 100,000 cans of apple butter, 150,000 gallons of vinegar, in addition to large quantities of tomatoes, corn, peaches, plums, cherries, berries and other fruits native to this vicinity.

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# STEARNES OUTLINES NEW ELIGIBILITY RULE

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## RULES APPLY TO NEW MEN

Division Superintendents Hereafter Chosen Must Be Actually Engaged in School Work or Have Taken Two Years of College Course.

Merchandising of the new order relating to minimum qualifications for division superintendents, believes Superintendent P. C. Stearnes, of the State Department of Public Instruction, is responsible for the incorrect assumption in some quarters that the object of the regulations was to render many of the superintendents now in office ineligible to succeed themselves.

Aside from the fact that the regulations state explicitly that a satisfactory service on the part of incumbents in their own schools is sufficient to render them eligible to be reappointed without regard to our new regulations, Stearnes, in a review of general school conditions made public yesterday, "the State would hardly stultify itself by declaring, in effect, that the men who have been making history in this State are continually making it over again."

The new regulations to secure more effective supervision are but the outcome of twenty years of effort on the part of the division superintendents themselves, and every step in the approach to adequate professional supervision has been suggested either by a division superintendent or by an education superintendent.

## WORKING FOR BETTERMENT FOR QUARTER OF CENTURY

"Nearly a quarter of a century ago the division superintendents drew up a petition addressed to the Legislature asking that they be required to devote their entire time to the duties of their office, and to qualify themselves professionally for the positions they occupied. This was done at a time when modern school administration was absolutely in its infancy as affecting State or county school systems."

At the time this petition was presented one of the highest educational authorities in the State—a man whose support was necessary to the success of the plan—is reported to have said, "The first thing you know, the school people will make the case of Superintendent of Schools so technical and professional that no one but a school man can fill it. It appears now that his words were at least prophetic."

"In 1915, the State Board of Education, on account of the remarkable development of the State high-school system and the resultant growth of the higher institutions of learning, as well as of the elementary schools, declared that liberal provision for close expert supervision was an economical means of increasing returns upon our annual investment for educational purposes. The board also went on record in favor of selecting as division superintendents of schools those whose training and experience showed that they possessed the necessary administrative, scholastic and professional qualifications. This regulation of the board received legislative sanction in the Valentine law of 1916, Mr. Valentine himself being a former superintendent of Brunswick County."

## LIMIT ELIGIBILITY TO THOSE IN EDUCATIONAL WORK

"Acting under the inspiration and sanction of the Valentine law, the board has adopted regulations in accordance with its resolution on January 22, 1915. And it may be of interest to add that similar rules, some of which go even further than the Virginia regulations, have been adopted in a large number of the States of this Union."

"Our new regulations limit the field of eligibility to those who have been actually engaged in educational work during the past ten years; and unless the applicant is a full graduate of a standard college, or has taken two years of college work, embracing at least three hours of education per week throughout each session, it is provided that he must have had at least three years of experience as teacher, school supervisor or principal within that period."

Superintendent Stearnes touches in

his review on the progressive character of public education in Virginia—a progress, he believes, which is due largely to the mastery division superintendents have acquired over their profession and to their readiness to adopt new methods.

"Manual training and domestic science are so well established in our leading schools that we are beginning to speak of them as part of the old education, and we find no less than forty-two counties and fifteen cities offering regular courses in these branches. In some divisions large numbers of clubs are taking advantage of the opportunities offered to secure a practical education in addition to the usual academic training."

## IN LARGER COMMUNITIES

"In the more favored localities manual training taken on the farm of pre-vocational courses leading to a certificate and promissory apprenticeship, the school becoming a life-saving school in a business sense, and in the same category must be mentioned the commercial courses which are found in many of our high schools."

"Some may speak lightly of these courses as but their mere machinery, but the modern ideas of economy and efficiency demand that the schools shall do much more than merely fill up the leisure hours of their students."

"Following the statements in reference to manual exercises and recreation, it is natural that I should speak of the Statewide effort which has been made to inculcate right ideas in reference to personal and civic hygiene. I doubt if there is another State in which this appropriation of substantial amounts of State school money is made contingent upon certain sanitary provisions for all of the schools of a district or county. In fact, one of our division superintendents reported that his major effort in supervision during the past year was to see that drawing, nature study, sanitation, hygiene and other so-called minor subjects were properly emphasized, while another said he was working for better home and school environment in the interest of a sturdy physical stamina."

## NEWS OF ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Va., December 31.—Bur-bare De Jarnett is at the home of his brother, Dr. Elliott De Jarnett, occupied. This was done at a time when modern school administration was absolutely in its infancy as affecting State or county school systems."

Paul Blincoe, of Norfolk, and Reid Blincoe, of V. P. L., spent the past week with Misses Blincoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Nixon, who have been on a visit to their grand-children, Mrs. H. C. Scott, left Saturday night for their home in Dallas, Tex.

Misses Susie Gary, Susie McCarthy and Elsie Ingram, of Richmond, were guests this week of Miss Caroline G. Vaniver.

Anderson Bland, of West Point, is visiting friends in town.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Day are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muller at their home in the Green Spring Valley, Maryland.

Miss Parke Patton, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. C. Blanton has returned home.

Mrs. W. W. Smith, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. Josie Wright.

Henry Scott, of West Virginia, was here this week visiting his grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Scott.

Mrs. T. H. Dedrafford left Saturday night for North Carolina, where she was called on account of the death of her father.

Miss Cardwell will return home Monday from Johnston-Willis Hospital, Richmond, where she has been undergoing treatment.

## HIGHEST AVERAGE YET

Warrenton, N. C., Enjoys Distinction of Getting Biggest Money Ever Paid For Load of Tobacco.

WARRENTON, N. C., December 31.—Just before Christmas the largest and most valuable wagon load of bright leaf tobacco ever sold in the world was sold at Boyd's Warehouse, in this place. It was on the 16th of December that W. E. B. Harris, who lives near Macon, in this county, brought in this load of the bright weed. It weighed 7,624 pounds, and sold for \$2,502.55, making an average of \$32.82 per hundred pounds. The general average paid for all tobacco sold at that house on the day named was \$27.42 per hundred. It is needless to say all of it was bright.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS FAR IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR

Inspector Butler's Report Shows General Trend of Prosperity Throughout City.

PERMITS AMOUNT TO \$1,173,308

Total Number of Structures Authorized During Year 2,154 as Compared With 1,375 Last Year and 1,213 in 1914.

Sharing the general prosperity felt in practically every line of industry in Richmond, the building operations in this city showed a tremendous increase during the year 1916, as compared with the operations of the previous year, according to the report of Building Inspector John E. Butler, which was made public last night. Operations last year aggregated \$4,927,398, as compared with \$2,244,752 in 1915, showing a gain of \$1,682,646.

Many factors contributed to the increased expenditures in Richmond for building construction, of which business expansion and the high cost of materials were probably the greatest. This city also benefited in the placing of large orders here for the manufacture of munitions.

Building operations for commercial enterprises in 1916 were what could hardly be termed more than normal for the growth of Richmond, but during the latter part of 1914 and early in 1915 little or no building of any description was undertaken. In the latter part of 1915 conditions improved slightly, but it was not until last year that operations on any scale were started. With commercial building practically all for eighteen months, a number of new warehouses, stores and factories have been erected within the past eight months.

## BULK OF BUILDING IS FOR DWELLING HOUSES

It remains, however, that the bulk of building undertaken or completed in Richmond last year was for dwelling houses in the suburbs, which sections went through an abnormal growth and expansion; despite the fact that real estate trading was only slightly above normal.

The cost of construction, however, was from 12 to 20 per cent higher than in any single year within the last decade, not including 1906, because in many years prices of building material were very low as a result of light demand and contractors' profits were squeezed to narrow limits. The speculative builder has been crowded out, it is said, and the current building has been almost exclusively the product of the foresight and enterprise of men controlling fairly large interests, and home-seekers making permanent quarters.

The report of Mr. Butler shows also that building is still on its upward trend, the operations for the month of December showing an increase of \$105,722 over the same month of last year. In December the Building Department issued a total of seventy permits, aggregating slightly less than \$400,000.

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There were numerous large buildings authorized last year, among them being the addition to Miller & Rhoads' store, the Professional Building, various additions to the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive Works, and several wholesale warehouses and a number of apartment houses in the West End.

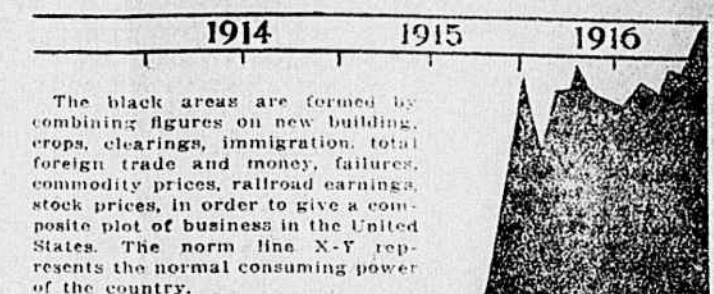
## DR. MABIE DEAD

Associate Editor of "The Outlook" Dies at His Home in New Jersey.

(By Associated Press.)

SUMMIT, N. J., December 31.—Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, associate editor of "The Outlook," died at his home here to-day. He was seventy years of age and was born at Cold Spring, N. Y. He is survived by a widow and one daughter.

# THE KAUFMANN STORE



The black areas are formed by combining figures on new building, crops, clearings, immigration, total foreign trade and money, failures, commodity prices, railroad earnings, stock prices, in order to give a composite plot of business in the United States. The norm line X-Y represents the normal consuming power of the country.

# A Happy New Year And Now Onward Up the Peaks of Prosperity

It is a law of Nature that "action and reaction are equal and opposite in direction."

This fact is strikingly illustrated in the chart above, prepared by statistical experts, and showing graphically our present and growing prosperous state.

America is riding on the flood tide of her commercial prosperity, a tide which mounts higher and higher. Of even greater cause for satisfaction is the fact that the South rides at the crest of the wave which caps the golden deluge.

The value of our cotton crop totals \$1,242,100,000—in round numbers, \$38 for every man, woman and child, white and colored, in the South. And the figures relating to tobacco, although not complete, are equally impressive.

All signs point to another wonderful American year. We have most exceptional cause for gratulation and happiness.

Beginning with our first citizen, the President of the United States, and ending with the humblest of men—especially emphasizing our regard for the city of our choice and her people—with gratitude and thanks to our patrons and coworkers—to old and all we extend the season's greetings and wishes for a

# Prosperous, Happy New Year

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